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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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TAGS: CASC (O'BRIEN, JEAN)

SUBJ: SISTER JEAN O'BRIEN, MARYKNOLL ORDER

REF: STATE 291974

1. EMBOFF RAISED O'BRIEN CASE WITH SUPERIOR OF MARYKNOLL SISTERS (SISTER CARMELLA) ON DEC 1. SHE CONFIRMED FACTS OF CASE ESSENTIALLY AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. SISTER O'BRIEN APPLIED FOR VISA RENEWAL IN MAY. BOARD OF IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS DENIED EXTENSION IN MEETING OCT 28. SHE WAS GIVEN TEN DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF NOTICE WHICH HOWEVER NOT MAILED UNTIL NOV 14 AND NOT RECEIVED UNTIL NOV 25. THUS, ACCORDING SISTER CARMELLA, SHE HAS UNTIL DEC 4 TO LEAVE.

2. EMBASSY HAD NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF CASE EXCEPT PASSING REFERENCE IN CONVERSATION WITH FATHER NOONAN (REPORTED MANILA 18528), WHO IMPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT A PROBLEM SINCE SHE WISHED TO LEAVE PERMANENTLY ANYWAY AT END OF TERM. (SAME INFORMATION CONVEYED IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH FORMER JESUIT PRIEST DENIS MURPHY SHORTLY BEFORE RECEIPT REFTEL.) SISTER O'BRIEN HERSELF HAS NOT YET APPROACHED EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND SHE IS IN MANILA. HOWEVER SISTER CARMELLA HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT CONTRARY TO OUR PREVIOUS IMPRESSION SHE DOES WISH TO RETURN TO PHILIPPINES AFTER FURLOUGH.

3. ACCORDING SISTER CARMELLA BISHOP BRASSEUR (SISTER O'BRIEN'S SUPERIOR IN BAGUIO) HAS WRITTEN STRONG LETTER ON HER BEHALF. WITH THIS AS BASIS, MARYKNOLL COUNSEL

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FILED MOTION OF RECONSIDERATION ON HER BEHALF NOV 29.

NO REACTION RECEIVED YET. SISTER CARMELLA SAID ANY POSSIBLE  
EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SHE SAID SEVERAL  
OTHER MARYKNOLL VISA EXTENSIONS PENDING AND REPEAT PERFORMANCES  
FEARED. ON OTHER HAND, TWO OTHER U.S. CITIZEN MARYKNOLL SISTERS  
GOT VISAS ON SAME DATE THAT O'BRIEN'S DENIED. SISTER CARMELLA  
SAID SHE HAD NO IDEA WHY THIS SELECTIVE TREATMENT OR WHAT  
REAL NATURE OF COMPLAINT AGAINST O'BRIEN MAY BE.  
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